

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-16, without waiver or prejudice.

Claims 1-16 (Canceled).

17. (Original) A method for increasing heat transfer from a mirror coupled to a pedestal suspended by gimbal springs over a lower surface, the method comprising:

providing a solid heat-conduction path to the lower surface, the solid heat-conduction path being located within 3 μ m of the pedestal.

18. (Original) The method, according to claim 17, wherein the solid heat-conduction path has a cross-sectional area that is at least 4 times greater than the cross-sectional area of the pedestal.

19. (Original) The method, according to claim 17, wherein the heat transfer from the mirror is increased by at least 10%.

20. (Original) The method, according to claim 17, wherein the solid heat-conduction path includes a high-conductivity material.